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SUBJECT: CU FY 76 ALLOCATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN ARRIVING AT CU FY 76 ALLOCATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA IN AMOUNT OF DOLS 612,700 (NOT INCLUDING YUGOSLAV CONTRIBUTION).

2. ACADEMIC PROGRAM: DOLS 468,000 (NOT INCLUDING GOY CONTRIBUTION) - ACCORDING OUR CALCULATIONS, IN ORDER FOR AYEC TO SUPPORT 1976 PROGRAM PROPOSAL, IT WILL NEED USG CONTRIBUTION IN DINAR EQUIVALENT OF DOLS 268,000. THIS AMOUNT INCLUDES SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO INCREASE DINAR STIPENDS FOR AMERICAN LECTURERS AND RESEARCHERS BY 15 PERCENT AND ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR DEPENDENT TRAVEL FOR LECTURERS (AS CALLED FOR IN STATE A-707, FEB 6, 76), FACTORS WHICH OF COURSE WERE NOT KNOWN WHEN AYEC PREPARED PROGRAM PROPOSAL.

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GOY CONTRIBUTION THEREFORE SHOULD BE DOLS 53,600. WE

CONCUR WITH EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE THAT DOLS 200,000 WILL BE NEEDED FOR DOLLAR SUPPORT OF PROGRAM IN U.S., ALTHOUGH THIS WILL NOT PERMIT ANY INCREASE IN DOLLAR STIPENDS FOR YUGOSLAV PARTICIPANTS.

3. IV PROGRAM: DOLS 80,000. AS REPORTED REF C, DOLS 60,000 ALREADY SPENT, OBLIGATED OR RESERVED FOR 22 GRANTS. IN VIEW OF MANY POSITIVE RESPONSES BY PROSPECTIVE GRANTEES TO POSTS' INVITATIONS, AND TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM OF THIS HIGH PRIORITY PROGRAM, WE ARE INCREASING IV ALLOCATION (REF D) BY DOLS 20,000 TO DOLS 80,000. THIS WILL PERMIT APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS: SLAVKO LAZAREVIC, PETAR BOSKOVSKI, BLAGOJ POPOV (PLUS TWO ASSOCIATES), AND PARTICIPATION IN MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECTS ON: WOMEN IN BROADCASTING; INTERNATIONAL MARKETING INSTITUTE, AND SECOND PARTICIPANT FOR FOOD SYSTEMS'

4. AMERICAN SPECIALISTS: DOLS 7,500. UNLESS POST HAS SPECIFIC NOMINATIONS FOR AMSPECS (OTHER THAN GARDNER, LOGAN, BUTRICO AND TOBIAS) WHO WOULD TRAVEL IN REMAINDER FY 76, WE BELIEVE DOLS 7,500 AND COST-SHARING WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING POSTS WILL COVER THIS CATEGORY.

5. GRANTS TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS: DOLS 57,200.

--A. CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH -- ZAGREB UNIVERSITY: DOLS 10,000. RECOGNIZING HIGH PRIORITY ASSIGNED TO THIS PROJECT BY EMBASSY AND CONGEN, WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH GRANT-IN-AID PROPOSAL IN AMOUNT DOLS 10,000. HOWEVER, SINCE GRANT NOT YET APPROVED, POSTS SHOULD NOT INDICATE ANY COMMITMENT TO ZAGREB UNIVERSITY.

--B. FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY -- BELGRADE: DOLS 40,000. WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THIS EXCHANGE, BUT SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES IN CURRENT BUDGET TO FUND AT SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR. THEREFORE, WE HAVE ASKED FSU TO PRESENT PROPOSAL HOW THIS AMOUNT COULD BEST BE USED. IT IS OUR INTENTION (AS AGREED WITH PAO CATHERMAN IN LATE JANUARY) TO BRING THIS EXCHANGE AND OTHER ACADEMIC CPI'S UNDER AYEC IN FY 77. IT APPEARS STRANGE TO US THAT WE SHOULD BE GIVING SO LARGE A GRANT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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A SINGLE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY FOR 8 FULLY FUNDED GRANTS FOR YUGOSLAV STUDENTS, WHEN WE HAVE A JOINT AMERICAN-YUGOSLAV COMMISSION WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO ADMINISTER SUCH PROGRAMS ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL. (WE ALSO QUESTION WHETHER THE OTHER TWO FSU PROGRAMS DESERVE CONTINUED SUPPORT). FSU HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THIS PLAN, AND GEORGE MACESICH WILL EXPLORE IT WITH EMBASSY AND YUGOSLAV COLLABORATORS DURING VISIT TO BELGRADE IN LATE MARCH. IN THIS REGARD, REQUEST

EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON HOW PROGRAM COULD BE ADMINISTERED BY AYEC. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF UNDESIGNATED FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO AYEC FOR DISTRIBUTION ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO VARIOUS CPI CANDIDATES? OR SHOULD CPI FUNDS ALLOCATED TO AYEC BE DESIGNATED FOR A PARTICULAR INSTITUTION SUCH AS FLORIDA STATE? IN ANY CASE, BELIEVE WE MUST HAVE COORDINATED POSITION BEFORE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS HERE. CONSULTATION WITH AYEC, WITHOUT COMMITMENTS, WOULD BE HELPFUL.

--C. JHU (BOLOGNA)--BELGRADE: DOLS 7,200. FY 76 GRANT ALREADY APPROVED.

6. POST ALLOCATION FOR TRANSITIONAL QUARTER (JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30) WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS SOON AS FINAL CU/EE ALLOCATION IS DETERMINED. WHILE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER FUNDS CAN BE OBLIGATED DURING JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30 PERIOD ONLY, OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR FY 1976 FUNDS HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. THEREFORE, FOR IV'S WHO TRAVEL AFTER JULY 1 POST WILL ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COVER GRANTS WITH TRANSITIONAL QUARTER FUNDS.

7. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, EMBASSY SHOULD ANTICIPATE THAT FY 1977 BUDGET WILL BE AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS FY 1976. KISSINGER

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